

et cetera, and I know it has not been your way in the past. You have always tried to be fair.

Chairman HATCH. I appreciate the Senator's remarks. Certainly, your letter will go into the record, and our response to your letter will go into the record as well, and I intended to put them in the record.

Also, I have been announcing for two weeks who are the witnesses are. They have been waiting 630 days. I think that is adequate time to prepare, but on the other hand, if there is a problem here, I am going to solve it for you. We will try and give better notice, but our obligation is to give notice of the hearing. Sometimes it is very difficult to adjust and get people, you know, prepared and there, but I will certainly take your comments into consideration.

Let us turn to Senator Warner, and then Senator Hutchison, and then Senator Voinovich, and then, of course, we have Senator DeWine, who, also, along with Senator Voinovich, has two Ohio State judges, and then Senator Feinstein, if you would care to make your remarks about your judge here today or we could do it right before they are called up.

Senator FEINSTEIN. Whatever is your pleasure.

Chairman HATCH. I will accommodate you. I will accommodate you.

Senator FEINSTEIN. I would be happy, since I am going to be here, I would be happy to wait for the other Senators.

Chairman HATCH. And then wait until your judge is called up.

Senator FEINSTEIN. Yes.

Chairman HATCH. That will be fine. Senator Warner?

**PRESENTATION OF JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., NOMINEE TO BE
CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT
BY HON. JOHN WARNER, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE
OF VIRGINIA**

Senator WARNER. Chairman Hatch, Senator Leahy, and members of the committee, I will ask to submit my statement for the record—

Chairman HATCH. Without objection, all statements will be put in the record.

Senator WARNER. —for three reasons: First, as a courtesy to the Committee and to our guests who have been very patient; secondly, this nominee, John Roberts, is indeed one of the most outstanding that I have ever had the privilege of presenting on behalf of a President in my 25 years in the United States Senate. His record needs no enhancement by this humble Senator, I assure you.

So I ask that the Committee receive this nomination. He is accompanied by his wife Jane, his children Josephine and John, who have been unusually quiet, and we thank you very much and patient—

[Laughter.]

Senator WARNER. —his parents and his sisters.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, if I may indulge a personal observation, Mr. Roberts is designated to serve on the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Exactly one-half century ago, 50 years, I was a clerk on that court, and so I take a particular interest in presenting this nominee.

Also, the nominee is a member of the firm of Hogan & Hartson, one of the leading firms in the Nation's capital. Fifty years ago, I was a member of that firm. And I just reminisced with the nominee. I was the thirty-fourth lawyer in that firm, which was one of the largest in the Nation's capital. Today, there are 1,000 members of that law firm, to show you the change in the practice of law in the half-century that I have been a witness to this.

Mr. Chairman, you covered in your opening remarks every single fact that I had hopefully desired to inform the committee. So, again, for that reason you have, most courteously, Mr. Chairman, stated all of the pertinent facts about this extraordinary man, having graduated from Harvard, summa cum laude, in 1976.¹ Three years later, he graduated from Harvard Law School, magna cum laude, where he served as managing editor of the Harvard Law Review. Those of us who have pursued the practice of law, know that few of us could have ever attained that status. Even if I went back and started all over again, I could not do it.

He served as law clerk to Judge Friendly on the usn Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and worked as a law clerk to the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge Rehnquist—Justice Rehnquist.

So I commend the President, I commend this nominee. I am hopeful that the Committee will judiciously and fairly consider this nomination and that the Senate will give its advice and consent for this distinguished American to serve as a part of our Judicial Branch.

I thank the chair and members of the committee.

[The prepared statement of Senator Warner appears as a submission for the record.]

Chairman HATCH. Thank you, Senator Warner. We appreciate it. Senator Hutchison?

PRESENTATION OF ROBERT JUNELL, NOMINEE TO BE DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS BY HON. KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS

Senator HUTCHISON. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I am very pleased to introduce my friend, Rob Junell, who has been nominated to serve as a district judge for the Western District in Midland, Texas. This court is identified as a judicial emergency by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Rob has brought his wife Beverly with him today, and I know he will introduce her later, but I want to say that Rob and Beverly are real friends of mine. Sometimes we nominate people that are great on the merits, but we do not know them. Well, Rob is great on the merits, and I know him well.

He served seven terms in the Texas House of Representatives, retiring voluntarily last year. He was Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the House Budget Committee, and I worked with him when I was State treasurer. And just a little vignette about the kind of person he is, I was elected to a 4-year term as State treasurer and introduced a very complicated piece of legislation to limit our State debt to the legislature. I asked Representative Junell to carry that bill, since he was Chairman of the